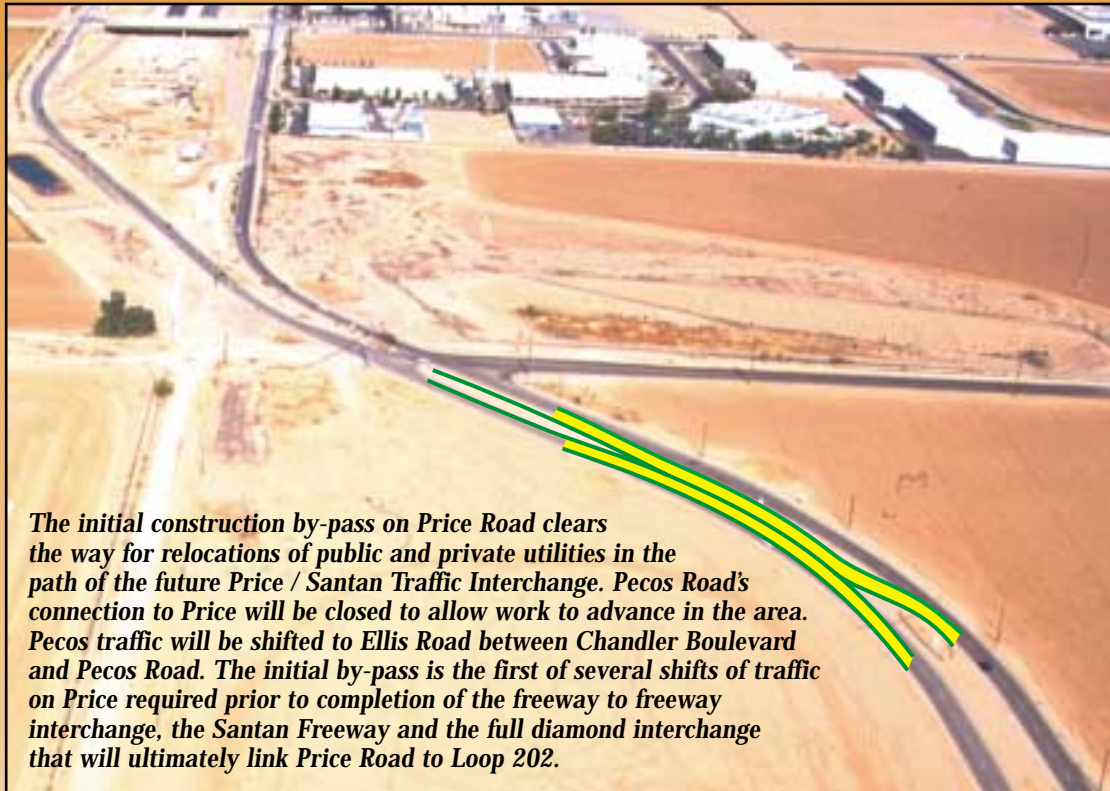


# ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



## PRICE CONSTRUCTION ALERT

JUNE 2001



*The initial construction by-pass on Price Road clears the way for relocations of public and private utilities in the path of the future Price / Santan Traffic Interchange. Pecos Road's connection to Price will be closed to allow work to advance in the area. Pecos traffic will be shifted to Ellis Road between Chandler Boulevard and Pecos Road. The initial by-pass is the first of several shifts of traffic on Price required prior to completion of the freeway to freeway interchange, the Santan Freeway and the full diamond interchange that will ultimately link Price Road to Loop 202.*

## RELOCATION OF UTILITIES PRECEDES START OF SANTAN/PRICE TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE

Construction on the freeway to freeway traffic interchange that will link the Price and Santan freeways is beginning. Relocation of a sewer trunk line and associated facilities is a key element of the initial work which is scheduled between June and October 2001.

A construction by-pass on Price Road will carry traffic around the initial work zone. Other traffic restrictions and temporary closures along Pecos Road between Price and Ellis roads are required to complete installation of new underground piping which consists of 96-inch reinforced concrete pipe and additional 48 and 66-inch lines.

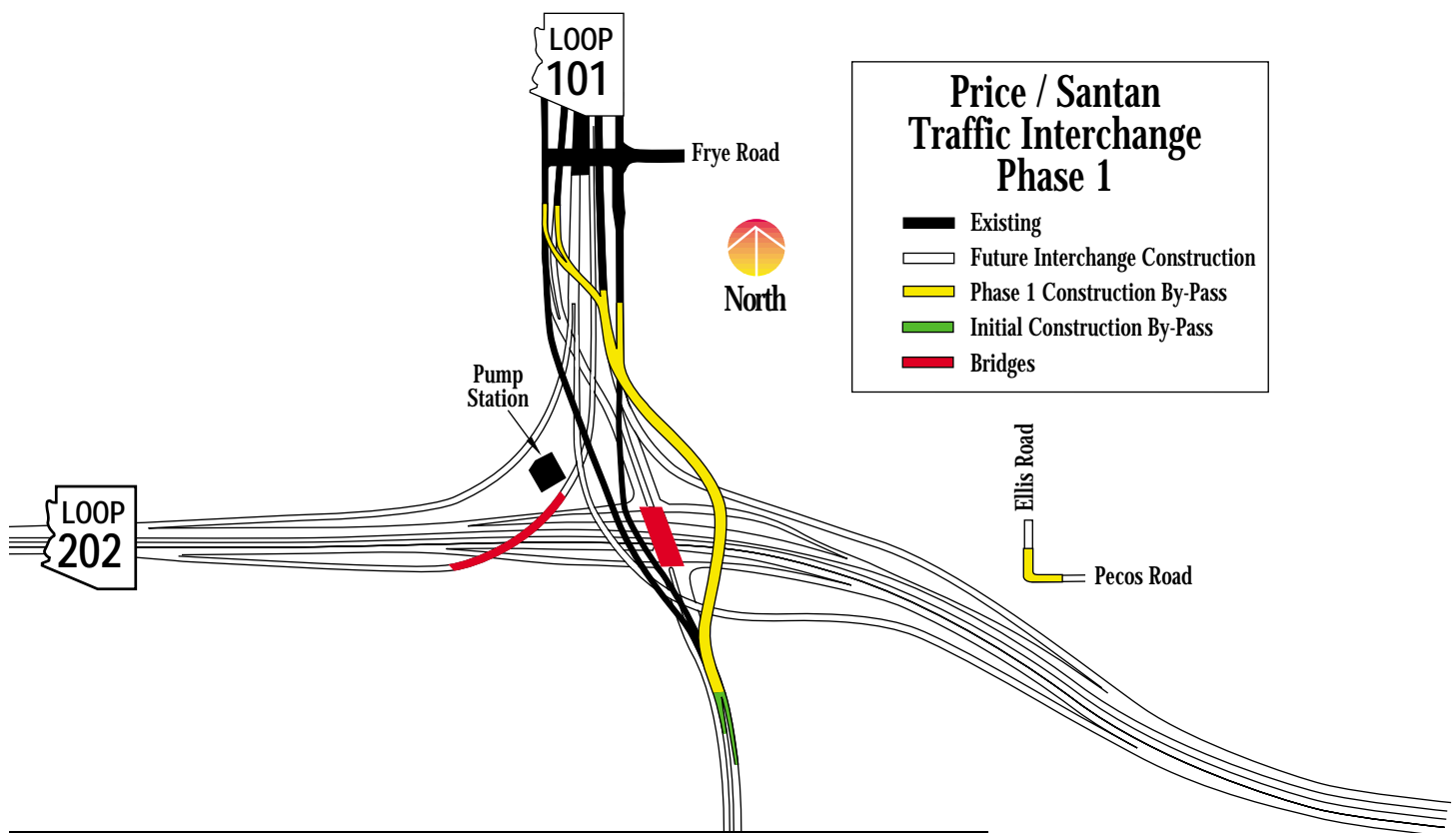
This effort is only the first element of work to be completed in the area of the interchange. Other major private utility relocations are scheduled to begin in September with new installations continuing through April 2002. Utilities expected to be relocated include SRP Power distribution and transmission lines, an El Paso natural gas pipeline, a Kinder Morgan liquid petroleum pipeline and SRP irrigation facilities.

The goal of this initial, specialized underground work is to shorten the duration of the major Price Santan traffic interchange project. Construction to begin by summer 2002, with completion slated for fall 2004.

An interim opening of the Santan Freeway between Interstate 10 and the Price Freeway could occur by the end of 2003, while an opening between Loop 101 and Arizona Avenue (SR 87) is planned by the end of 2004.

Traffic will be maintained on Price Road and its temporary connections to the Price Freeway during all future construction using traffic by-passes similar to the one being installed now.

The Price/Santan traffic interchange is a multilevel interchange. The Santan Freeway will be depressed through the interchange site. Price Road will continue south as always, with a full diamond interchange to and from the Santan Freeway. Nearly \$65 million has been dedicated over the next several years to complete the freeway to freeway connections.



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## PROJECT PARTICULARS

### Project Scope:

Installation of new sanitary sewer facilities (City of Chandler), including PVC lined concrete sewer pipe, concrete junction structures and manholes, clearing the way for future traffic interchange construction.

### Project Cost:

\$1.98 million contract awarded April '01 by the State Transportation Board to Achen-Gardner Engineering, L.L.C., Phoenix

### Project Time:

80 working days (about four months) beginning June 18, '01.

### Target Completion:

October 2001

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